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Sir:

FEE CALCULATION: No Additional Fees Due. Upon entry of the below amendment, the total number claims will be 20 or less, and the number of independent claims will be 3 or less.

AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Official Action mailed March 10, 1998, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims (bracketed parts deleted and underlined parts added):

1. (Amended) An inflatable life vest comprising, in combination:

a vest constructed from a polyester mesh material and including a rear portion and a front portion halved by a central slit, the slit having a zipper formed thereon for allowing the selective coupling of the halves of the front portion with a lip coupled along the central slit adjacent the zipper with a pile fastener mounted thereon for releasably coupling to another pile fastener mounted on